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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL DISCUSSED KOREAN PORTION OF  
THE SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH WITH AMBASSADORS MONTEIRO  
OF SINGAPORE AND NURJADIN OF INDONESIA ON JULY 23. MR  
HUMMEL MADE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME POINTS AS THOSE REF A.  
WITH INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUPPLEMENTED  
POINTS BY RECALLING FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S REMARKS TO  
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SECRETARY THAT ASEAN HOPED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN UNGA

ON KOREA QUEST;ON BY ENCOURAGING RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. MR HUMMEL EMPHASIZED WE WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN AVOIDING CONFRONTATION, AND WE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH ANY INITIATIVE THAT INDONESIA AND ASEAN STATES MIGHT UNDERTAKE AT NAM OR AT UNGA TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.

2. AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO SAID HE THOUGHT SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WAS "VERY GOOD INDEED." SINGAPORE HAD THE STRONG FEELING THAT ANY CHANGE OF RELATIONSHIPS AND THE BALANCE OF POWER

IN NORTH EAST ASIA MUST BE GRADUAL; HIS GOVERNMENT WAS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR POSITION OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AND SEEKING DISCUSSIONS OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO ASKED ABOUT THE PRC'S CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE KOREAN QUESTION AND MR. HUMMEL RESPONDED THAT THE PRC HAD EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION BUT WAS GIVING VERY STRONG DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREA.

3. AMBASSADOR NURJADIN SAID THAT THE INDONESIAN POSITION ON KOREA HAD NOT CHANGED. THE INDONESIANS, THROUGH THEIR EMBASSIES IN BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, WERE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF THE TWO MEETING TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

4. HE CONFIRMED THAT INDONESIA WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH WITH THE OTHER ASEAN STATES A COMMON ATTITUDE TOWARD THE KOREAN QUESTION. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CITED FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S COMMENTS TO THE SECRETARY THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN NORTHEAST ASIA CHANGE TO ADVANTAGE OF THE COMMUNISTS, AND SAID THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT INDONESIA WOULD CHANGE ITS PRESENT SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE INDONESIAN INITIATIVE WITH THE OTHER ASEAN STATES TO AVOID CONFRONTATION, BUT THAT ANY SUCH EFFORT WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCREET AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

5. RE REF C, IN APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFAIRS, EMBASSY JAKARTA SHOULD ENCOURAGE ASEAN INITIATIVE ALONG LINES REF B, EMPHASIZING THAT WE ALSO WISH TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS DEBATE AT UNGA AND WILL BE MAKING APPROACHES ALONG THESE LINES TO OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES PRIOR TO NAM (REF D.)

6. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PROVISION OF SPECIFIC NAM RESOLUTION LANGUAGE TO INDONESIANS AS SUGGESTED BY ROK

AMBASSADOR IS NOT APPROPRIATE WAY TO HANDLE PROBLEM.  
EMBASSY JAKARTA SHOULD DRAW ON BEGINNING OF PARA 2 REF A  
AND REF D TO POINT OUT LANGUAGE ON KOREA WHICH WE COULD  
NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT AND EMPHASIZE THAT WE THINK ANY  
REALISTIC NAM LANGUAGE ON KOREA QUESTION SHOULD INCLUDE  
URGING RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED.

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